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Howard County Police to participate in Special Olympics Torch Run

Howard County police officers and several Special Olympics athletes will receive the Special Olympic Torch, known as the “Flame of Hope,” Thursday, June 6 as part of the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics.

The Torch Run is a year-round fundraising effort organized by law enforcement officers around the world. Each year, law enforcement officers throughout Maryland raise money for Special Olympics.

The HCPD will swear-in Howard County Special Olympics athletes as honorary law enforcement officers at a ceremony at the event.

Howard County Police will receive the Special Olympics Torch at approximately 10 a.m. in Ellicott City at Centennial Park. Law enforcement officers will carry the torch with the assistance of several Special Olympics athletes over six miles on roadways around the park.

The torch will then continue its journey to Towson University for the 2019 Special Olympics Maryland Summer Games Opening Ceremonies.

The Law Enforcement Torch Run has become a year-round movement that raises money through a variety of activities and special events, including the Maryland State Police Polar Bear Plunge. With the help of community partners, these events combined have raised millions of dollars for Special Olympics.

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